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Iain Kalfas *et al.*

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For: SPINAL ROD CONNECTOR

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed April 28, 2009 (Paper No. 20090425), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.